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Honorable Sir:

This is a reply to the Office Action of April 14, 2003 and the Decision on Appeal dated January 27, 2006 regarding the above-identified patent application. This Amendment is the required submittal for a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) filed this same day

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.

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